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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

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SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF REINFORCED NAC

1. FIRST MEETING OF REINFORCED NAC SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED YOUR PROPOSAL AT DECEMBER MINISTERIALS. THE DISCUSSIONS DEALT WITH TIMELY AND IMPORTANT MATTERS TO THE ALLIANCE IN A THOUGHTFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER, THEREBY LEAVING EACH ALLY WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM AND THE VIEWS OF HIS ALLIES. THE MOOD WAS GOOD AND PARTICIPANTS WILL LIKELY WANT TO CONVENE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS OF THIS NATURE.

2. WITHOUT ACRIMONY OR ABRASION, THE NON-EC MEMBERS OF NATO SPOKE DIRECTLY TO THE EC COUNTRIES, AND PARTICULARLY FRANCE, CAUTIONING THEM ON EC BEHAVIOR AS IT AFFECTS THE ALLIANCE. FRANCE'S PARTNERS IN THE EC SPOKE DIRECTLY TO OR AT LEAST IN FRONT OF FRANCE, THEREBY PLACING MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE PRESSURE ON EACH ALLY TO BEHAVE MORE SENSIBLY AND IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE ALLIANCE AND THE ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP. THE DYNAMICS OF THE SITUATION SHOWED THE POTENTIAL WHICH THE NON-EC NATO MEMBERS HAVE IN HELPING TO AFFECT THE EC COUNTRIES COURSE, AND THAT THE SEVEN NATO EC COUNTRIES

THEMSELVES HAVE IN HELPING TO MOVE FRANCE. IN SHORT, THIS MEETING WAS A MODEL, HOWEVER MODEST, OF HOW THESE COMPLEX RELATIONSHIPS CAN WORK. AND, THE U.S. WAS IN THE POSTURE IT OUGHT TO TRY TO STAY IN. U.S. INTERVENTIONS (SONNENFELDT)
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SUCCESSFULLY PUT FORTH U.S. POSITION IN A WAY THAT ENABLED OUR NATO ALLIES TO BRING EFFECTIVE PRESSURE TO BEAR ON MOVING THE ALLIANCE, THE NINE, AND FRANCE TOWARD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT MAKES SENSE FOR ALL OF US. RUMSFELD

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